

“ACP....”

On page 70, line 23; after “Example 8”, please delete hard return and continue with “This....”

On page 74, line 4; after “hollow”, please delete “teflon” and insert therefor --Teflon®”.

On page 74, after line 9; please insert the following passage:

--Poly(lactide) whiskers are prepared with average dimensions of about 5-100  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter by 10-250  $\mu\text{m}$  length. The whiskers are mixes with poorly crystalline hydroxyapatite paste prepared as described above at a concentration 10% wt/wt. The composite paste is hardened overnight at 37 °C in moist environment. When tested for compressibility, there is found to have improved compressibility over the non-composite PCA calcium phosphate.--

On page 76, line 13; after “prepared”, please delete “as described in Example 4”.

On page 79, line 13; after “Example”, please delete “4” and insert therefor --8--.

On page 83, line 3; after “A”, please delete hard return and continue with “hydrated...”

On page 86, line 1; after “Example”, please delete “18” and insert therefor --11--.

On page 90, line 2; after “Medium);”, please delete hard return and continue with “TBS...”

On page 91; line 4; after “in”, please delete “examples 1 and 2” and insert therefor --Examples 32 and 33--.

On page 91, line 15; after “time”, please delete hard return and continue with “points...”

On page 91; line 25; after “to”, please delete “example 1” and insert therefor --Example 33--.

On page 92; line 24; after “Example”, please delete “1” and insert therefor --5--.

On page 92; line 27; after “Example”, please delete “2” and insert therefor --8--; and please delete the sentence “XRD spectra are found in Fig. 6(a) and 6(b), respectively.”

On page 92; line 32; after “Examples”, please delete “1 and 2” and insert therefor --5 and 8--.

On page 93; line 1; after “Example”, please delete “2” and insert therefor --8--.

On page 93; line 14; after “Example”, please delete “20” and insert therefor --16--.